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PRESS RELEASE IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ALLIANCE FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES ASKS RHODE ISLAND PAROLE BOARD WHY FAILURE OF NOTIFICATION TO HOMICIDE VICTIMS MOTHER WAS NOT MADE IN POSSIBLE NONCOMPLIANCE OF RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAW/ PAROLE 13-8-6 AND PAROLE BOARDS OWN POLICIES?

State of Rhode Island Parole Board official page highlights the importance of victim input regarding parole information / statements that are submitted.

“Information from a victim of crime, (or immediate family members of a minor or deceased victims of crime) helps the Board to understand and appreciate the effects of the crime and on the victims. Input from victims often times providing information that might otherwise not be available”.

It would seem these sentiments by the parole board do not “carry over “to implementation of such measures in regards to homicide victims Katherine Salvi and her families rights by law to “weigh in “on her murderers parole hearing.

According to the victim's mother, Mary, she was neither notified of the impending parole hearing to submit testimony and or appear in person, to object to the release of Emmanuel Algaria who took Catherine's life.

Rhode Island General Law under Title 13 Criminals Correctional Institutions Chapter 8 Parole, clearly states, "reasonable effort" must be made to contact the victim's family in advance of the hearing".

Alliance for Safe Communities demands answers for this family and for all Victims of Violent Crime and those speaking on their behalf prior to parole hearings. The victim impact statements prior to the parole hearing are protected by law, are we to believe that our laws are being circumvented or ignored regarding such serious issues. Not allowing a victim or their next of kin to submit impact statements and testify is "stripping them of their rights". The result of such callous and indiscriminate actions serve to further victimize victims.

Our message to Catherine Salvi's mother in response to her concerns she voiced "failing her daughter" by not testifying after a decade of fighting for her, is the following: "you have not failed your daughter in this scenario, the parole board has failed your daughter's memory as well as your family.

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<https://law.justia.com/codes/rhode-island/title-13/chapter-13-8/section-13-8-9-1/>

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